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CASE NO. 22993/A/PCT  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF  
RALF KNISCHKA ET AL  
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. **PCT/EP 2004/053186**  
FILED: **December 1, 2004**

Group Art Unit:  
Examiner:

FOR: COATING COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING  
LEVELLING AGENTS PREPARED BY  
NITROXYL MEDIATED POLYMERISATION  
U.S. APPLICATION NO:  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants submit the present Preliminary Amendment to place the instant claims in better condition for examination on their merits.